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OR METAL HYDRIDE POWDERS OF THE ELEMENTS TI,  
ZR, HF, V, N, TA AND CR

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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

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Responsive to the final office action mailed February 23, 2010, amend the above-identified application as follows: